

PARIS PIKE CORRIDOR COMMISSION

MINUTES

Paris City Hall
Commission Chambers

January 13, 2014

Attendance

Members Present: Ben Blyton; James Brady; Bettye Burns; Harry Park; and Dan Thompson.

Staff Present: Mike Asalon; Barbara Rackers; and Stephanie Cunningham

Chairman Thompson called the meeting of the Paris Pike Corridor Commission to order at 12:04 p.m. on January 13, 2014.

Mr. Thompson stated that the minutes of the October 14, 2013, meeting had been presented for approval. He noted that the paragraph concerning the Paris welcome sign should be removed, as it was not discussed at that meeting. The staff indicated that the minutes would be corrected. A motion was made by Ms. Burns, seconded by Mr. Brady, and carried 5-0 to approve the minutes, including the necessary correction.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Operation of Lawn Care Business on Paris Pike

Mr. Thompson stated that he had spoken to Bonnie Skinner regarding the ongoing lawn care business on Paris Pike. Ms. Skinner indicated that the owner had provided proof that the business was grandfathered. Mr. Thompson explained that, as it was grandfathered, the business cannot expand, but it can continue to operate in that location.

2. Paris Welcome Sign

Mr. Asalon stated that he had spoken to a staff member at the Kentucky Department of Transportation (KYDOT), about the proposed Paris welcome sign, which was discussed by the Commission members at a previous meeting. The KYDOT staff member indicated that the welcome sign had been denied, because signs are not allowed in the right-of-way and there is already a welcome sign in place on Georgetown Road.

Mr. Park stated that Lexington has many welcome signs, and he did not understand why Paris should only be allowed a sign on one roadway.

Mr. Thompson asked if the existing Paris welcome sign was approved by KYDOT. Mr. Asalon responded that he did not know if a permit had been issued for that sign.

NEW BUSINESS - None

COMMISSION ITEMS – Mr. Thompson stated that Cliff Linkes, who was a key individual in the Paris Pike widening project and the forming of the Paris Pike Corridor Commission, had passed away on December 20, 2013.

STAFF ITEMS – No such items were presented.

OTHER BUSINESS – No such items were presented.

ADJOURNMENT – There being no further business, Chairman Thompson declared the meeting adjourned at 12:12 p.m.